

From the history of John Edwards, the uncle of Rosanna Cousins:

An Elder by the name of Rees Fellish came preaching the gospel to our village, saying, that God had revealed the ancient order to man on the earth in our day; bore a strong testimony of its authenticity, declaring that he knew it to be truth. This man was an acquaintance of my parents and naturally enough entered into conversation on, or about these matters. Having discussed the subject (pro. and con.) mother saw at a glance she said that she had nothing to stand upon, when he brought forth his strong arguments in favor of his doctrine and, against the religious of the day.

Well mother then was not satisfied until she had convey'd all she had learned of the doctrine which he had taught her (I mean Mr. Fellish) to our understanding, and I can tell you, it did not take long to convert us, as it was too plain for any one to reject it, that had steadied the good "Old Book" at all. Therefore, the result of all this was a baptism of us that is mother first then father and I, some time after my dear sister Mary after a while my brother Edward also was baptized into the church. Thus it came to pass, that the principles advanced by our friend, captured us all.

From the history of Rosanna Cousins Elswood (Barbara Elswood Larsen's grandmother) as told by Mary Ann Patience Elswood Sperger:

Rosanna was married to Azariah and lived in Chard, Somerset, England. Their home was always open to Missionary Elders. It was a time when the missionaries were not wanted in England and so were driven out.

One day, two Elders, (1896) George Godfrey and Seymour Young came up to the house and Mary was playing by the house. The Elders asked Mary if they might see her Mother, and Mary said, "Yes, Sir, right away!"

Her Mother was a way off from the house with a man killing and dressing a pig. Mary ran quickly to her Mother and told her there were two men to see her and that it was very important. Mother asked what they looked like and all Mary could say is that they were just "plain" men.

So Mother told the man she had to leave right now and went to meet the visitors.

When she found it was the Missionaries once again, her heart was very happy. They talked for a while and then went into the house. As they were introduced to Azariah, he had a 5 lb gold piece in his hand and when he shook hands, he placed this in the Missionaries hand and told them they were indeed an answer to Mother Rosanna's prayers as she prayed always for the return of the Missionaries to that area once more...

Well, Mother more than ever, had the desire to come to America and she said she would sell all she had to be able to send her boy, Sidney first as a sacrifice, and she means would thereby be opened for others to follow. And so she began to sell her things. Sidney sailed to America in about 1897.

He came to America and earned the money to send for his family. Mother came in 1898, sailing from Liverpool along with daughter Mary and son, Johnny. They all worked hard and sent then for Azariah and three other children.

Azariah's family belonged to the Wesleyan's religion and was not able to leave his family, and so never came to America. Gladys Denos recalled being told by her father that Azariah was afraid of the water and he had said that he may come to America when they built a bridge across the Ocean. He died in 1920...

The way was not easy and little did she suspect she would never reunite with her husband and father of her children, but came onward, unwavering, with Faith in God and a testimony of truth. Indeed her reward shall await her.